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Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

Advancements in technology lead to advancements in learning and advancements in knowledge. We at Augusta Technical College know that, and know the importance of keeping up to date with the everchanging trends of technology. It is these changes and trends that set the bar for learning, and set the bar for institutions like August Technical College.

Our desire to keep up with the latest innovations in technology is why I am writing you today. Staying in tune with the newest changes and tools is of the utmost importance to us, and we believe that the merger between AT&T and T-Mobile USA is one of those important changes. If merged, 97.3% of the country will have access to AT&T's strong, wireless broadband network. A stronger wireless network would open the door for unprecedented teaching tools and increased learning in less time.

In addition to teaching students, we service the needs of business, industry, and the public of a five-county area in east-central Georgia. We take pride in the service we provide to these counties, and are always looking at ways to try and improve our service. Having a much stronger broadband network is one of those ways we could improve our service to these counties, making our customers happy, therefore making us happy.

When everyone's happy, everyone works better. When everyone's working well, there is substantial economic growth. We truly feel that this merger is the starting point in this chain reaction. We ask, when making your final decision, that you take a moment to think about this, and we know that you will be able to clearly see all the benefits this merger provides.

Thank you,

Terry Elam President

Augusta Technical College

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